

Mr. Wirt, from the Committee on the Library, reported favorably,

House Joint Resolution authorizing the State Librarian to lend to the Law Faculty of the Baltimore University certain law books.

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers, from the Committee on Education, reported favorably,

Senate bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments sections 59 and 60, of Article 77, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Public Education," sub-title "Text Books."

Which was considered.

Mr. Smith submitted the following proposed amendment:

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Add to section 60 the following:

"Provided, That the said County School Commissioners shall report quarterly to the State Board of Education all purchases of books made during the preceding quarter, stating the kind of books, number of each, from whom they were purchased, and the price paid for the same, with a full account of the distribution to the respective schools in said counties, and they shall require of each and every school teacher in said counties a receipt for all books distributed to them, and at the end of each quarter a report to the respective Boards of County School Commissioners embracing a full detailed inventory of all the books then on hand in said school and the condition thereof, and the failure to comply with these requirements on the part of the said school teachers shall be in the discretion of the Board sufficient cause for removal. A duplicate of all these reports to the State Board of Education, including the reports from teachers, shall be forwarded by the respective County School Boards to the Governor for publication at his discretion.

"And the County School Commissioners, in the purchase of books, shall give preference to bona fide Maryland book dealers, provided the prices are as low as can be secured elsewhere.

Which was adopted.

Said bill, as amended, was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.